

## **Social Projects Commission**

### **GM Darcy Lima Chairman**

## **Report SPC Commission Meeting 05/08/2014, Tromso-Norway**

### **Present:**

**Chairman:** Darcy Gustavo Lima (BRA)

**Councillors:** David Jarrett (ENG), Tony Rich (USA)

**Members:** Andrei Korobeinik (EST)

**Observers:** Miguel Vazquez (ESP) , Cristobal Vega Adorno (PUR), Charles Moura Netto (BRA), Daly Yousri (TUN), Valentina Jarrett (ENG), Jonas Sidabras (LTU), Hadi Karimi (IRI), Sami Khader (JOR), Malola Prasath (IND), Enrique Celi Frugoni (URU), Jorge Vega (GUA), Russell Smith (TTO), Gizaw Assefa (ETH), Olena Boytsun (UKR), Abigail Tian (CHN), Efrain Segura (ESA), Silvino Garcia (CUB), Inaganti Amarnath (IND), Anderson Gordon (TTO)

The Chairman GM Darcy Lima opened the meeting welcoming all the participants.

The Chairman started telling briefly the history of the creation of this commission that goes back on 2009 at the Executive Board in Tessaalonika, Greece when was submitted to approval. At the time the idea of having this commission was well received but at that precise congress the commissions were being restructured. Then in September 2012 it was finally born at the FIDE Congress of Istambul . It was effectively established on March 2013.

The the President welcomed new member Damir Levacic

Then Chairmen GM Darcy Lima gave the floor to PHD Sandra Guisso and the job he has done with people with special needs . This people are attended in a institution called APAE . People at the APAE show different impairment: intelectual deficiency, autism, Down's syndrome, West's syndrome, ,Asperger's syndrome, . The APAE in Santa Maria de Jetibá, assists different people mentally impaired from the ages 0 to 56. These people take part in several activities and the chess is one of them.

The Methodology adapted to provide the learning process was discussed after showed by Dr Sandra and after the scientific publication of this work it will be uploaded in the SPC site so people can download and apply. The chess game is an important social tool in one's life, specially for those mentally impaired, because it stimulates the thinking and enables the interaction through the game and its rules.

The people mentally impaired show difficulties in understanding the rules for social life. The study concluded that chess game teaches that the rules, which are used in the game, can be used in the society, thus these people are able to have more success in the relationship established with family members and the society as well.

After a open Question and answers to Mrs Sandra was done about the methodology and results of the job.

After that Mr Efraim Segura together with GM Darcy Lima make a report the trip to San Salvador, El Salvador and the meetings with *Mr. Gregorio Ernesto Zelayan* the Minister of Government Mr. Gregorio Ernesto Zelayandia, the Chief of Probation Center Dr. Juan Carlos Duran Escobar, the President of El Salvador Chess Federation Mr. Efraim Segura, and the authorities from the Justice System of El Salvador. The main outcome of the trip was an agreement on implementing the SPC programme "Chess that gives Freedom" in the prisons of El Salvador already this year on October/november.

The website of SPC was presented and is already functional. We will soon upload some of the material of this Tromso meeting. Councillor David proposed we have a booklet also to promote the social projects that we are running what was approved

It was presented another website that will help the Federations to capacitate their social monitors online whenever they needed.

So Mr. David Jarret spoke about the Chess in Peace Program. About how he is developing, the role of FIDE and the national Federations on the programme. Also he explained about their initial agreement with Peace in Sports , a Monaco based organization and how chess became one of the sports used at this field. It was agreed that Mr Damir Levacic will be the focal point of contact since he already done some job in this field in Palestina and leaves in the same city as the Chess and Peace Organization

One of the successful programme as said before was few years ago at the Colombian program (colombianitos in Cali) of chess for peace reinforce some words that we like to repeat that is

stated by the ONU that sport (chess too) is a universal language can be a powerful tool to promote peace, tolerance and understanding by bringing people together across boundaries, cultures and religions. Its intrinsic values such as teamwork, fairness, discipline, respect for the opponent and the rules of the game are understood all over the world and can be harnessed in the advancement of solidarity, social cohesion and peaceful coexistence.

Mr Daly Yousri from Tunisia exposed the job done with special children that has correspondence in the work Done By PHD Sandra Guisso . A plan to visit Tunisia was asked by Mrs Daly to help them establish some standards on that project.

Councillor Tony Rich explained how is going the project in Saint Louis he does with people with cancer that uses chess to help them on the radiotherapies and quimio sessions. How chess can be a link important between the doctor and patient and also self esteem boost. Mr Anderson Gordon from Trinidad Tobago raised some interesting questions on this project and a study will be done by the commission to organize data on this subject. Mr Tony Rich also inform he will prepare a apresentation for next meeting

Malola Prasath from India presented a movie about Maori people where chess was used to integrate this ethnic group in the society. One of the scenes shows the chess pieces with Maori culture simbols and how it helped the players there. Was mentioned after the apresentation of the movie by Chairmen GM Darcy Lima a program with regionalism in the culture of the society and how a teacher uses a very interesting way of representing and teach chess at school with a Pomerane (Pomerane was a region between German and Poland) representation.

Then at end on the meeting we welcome ways chess can be used and the importance of gathering information from various countries about their job in this area.

After that the meeting was closed